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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6420**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 392

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility for Crime Victim Compensation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill permits the Criminal Justice Institute to pay the reasonable burial expenses of the victim of a violent crime who dies as a result of the crime, regardless of whether the victim was married or unmarried. (Current law allows payment only in the case of an unmarried victim.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill allows the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to pay reasonable expenses incurred for funeral, burial, or cremation for a victim of a violent crime who was married at the time of the crime and died as a result of the crime.

The ICJI reports that the maximum benefit paid to an individual's family for funeral, burial, or cremation expenses is \$4,000. This dollar amount is reduced by any other award provided to the family for expenses, such as from a life insurance policy or township trustee payment.

*Background Information:* The ICJI reports that it is currently paying claims for violent crimes from 2002 applications. In addition, the ICJI paid approximately \$15,000 in burial claims during FY 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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